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SUBJECT.

Recommendation No. 187 of the Prison Reforms Committee regarding Concession to Prisoners in respect of certain articles of luxury and Comforts.

G. O. No. P. 1064 dated 14. 8. 42

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The Inspector-General of Prisons

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Recommendation No. 187 of the Prison Reforms Committee

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Under the Jail Manual Rules certain classes of prisoners, such as convict Warders and Overseers, civil and under-trial prisoners are permitted to obtain at their cost and for their own use such articles of luxury and comfort as tobacco, snuff, betel leaves and nuts. Similarly prisoners earning gratuity for extra work done by them are also conceded the privilege of purchasing such articles up-to half the amount of the gratuity earned by them.

I The Prison Reforms Committee recommend in para 53 of Chapter VIII of their Report that this concession should be extended to the generality of well-conducted prisoners of all classes. The Committee observe that such an extension of the privilege would not only make prison life more tolerable to many, but also afford an excellent incentive to good conduct, in-as-much as it would constitute a privilege which could be withdrawn for misbehaviour.

The Committee further state that the Mysore Rules are in these respects somewhat less liberal than the Rules elsewhere. In Madras and Bengal, however, the concession referred to is limited only to the classes of prisoners to whom it is granted in Mysore.

The Inspector General of Prisons observes in respect of this recommendation that a great majority of prisoners are well-behaved, and that if the con-

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concession is extended to all such prisoners it would involve heavy additional cost. He states further that the present practice of allowing prisoners who turn out extra work to spend one half of their earning on purchasing small articles of luxury like snuff etc., acts as an incentive to good work, and that this effect would be lost if the existing rules are changed.

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The Committee have not, however, stated specifically whether well-conducted prisoners are to be allowed to purchase these articles of luxury and comfort at their own cost, or whether they are to be supplied to them free. If the Committee propose the latter, apart from the additional cost referred to by the Inspector General of Prisons, such a free supply may lead to the cultivation in prison-life of habits which many of the prisoners could not have afforded which they were free, and which, after their release, they might find difficult to indulge in without resorting to crime to obtain the means for satisfying the craving. Even if the Committee's suggestion is for the supply of these articles to prisoners at their cost, the proposal is open to several objections. For one thing there is some justification for these indulgences in the case of the classes of prisoners to whom it

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is now being granted under the Jail Manual Rules. Thus civil prisoners and under-trial prisoners are not prisoners in the proper sense of the term and cannot therefore be treated on a par with convicts. Convict warders and overseers have earned these privileges by reason of their good behaviour, while there is no such justification for its extension to the generality of prisoners and the Committee themselves have adduced none. Moreover as pointed out by the Inspector General of Prisons, these privileges now serve as an incentive to good work, since they could be had only out of the money earned by prisoners for extra work, and if the concession is extended to all well-conducted prisoners the incentive for good work would, as pointed out by the Inspector General of Prisons, cease to exist

11 The Committee next suggest that all purchases must be made through the Jail authorities, such articles of luxury or comfort as are in common demand being kept in the prison stores.

The Inspector General of Prisons observes in respect of this part of the recommendation that this is being done even now.

The recommendation of the Committee is for orders.

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Extract from the opinion of the I.G. of Prisons on the recommendations of the Prison Reforms Committee

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Recommendation No. 184 — The concession now permitted to certain classes of prisoners, in the matter of articles like tobacco, snuff, betel leaves and nuts and similar petty indulgences should be extended to the generality of well-conducted prisoners of all classes

All purchases must be made through the jail authorities, such articles of luxury or comfort as are in common demand being kept in the prison stores

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I. G. P's opinion thereon! — A great majority of prisoners are well behaved. If the concession is extended to all such prisoners, it would involve heavy additional cost. The present practice of allowing prisoners who turn out extra work to spend one half of their earning on purchasing small luxuries such as tobacco, snuff etc acts as an incentive to good work, and this will be lost, if the existing rules are changed

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Recommendation No.187 of the Prison Reforms Committee regarding concessions to prisoners in respect of certain articles of luxury and comfort, and the views of the I.G. of Prisons thereon.

ORDER NO.P. 1084. Dated 16th Aug '62

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The Prison Reforms Committee recommend in paragraph 55 of Chapter VIII of their Report that the concession now shown to certain classes of prisoners to obtain at their cost and for their own use such articles of luxury and comfort as tobacco, snuff, betel leaves and nuts should be extended to the generality of well-conducted prisoners of all classes; and that all purchases must be made through the jail authorities, such articles of luxury and comfort as are in common demand being kept in the prison stores.

The I.G. of Prisons states that a great majority of prisoners are well-behaved, and that the present practice of allowing prisoners who turn out extra work to spend one half their earning on purchasing small articles of luxury acts as an incentive to good work, and that this effect would be lost if the existing practice is modified on the lines suggested by the Committee. As regards the suggestion that all purchases must be made through the jail authorities, he states that this is being done even now.

Government agreeing with the I.G. of Prisons consider that any change in the present arrangement on the lines suggested by the Committee would remove the incentive for extra work on the part of prisoners. They are accordingly pleased to direct the continuance

of the present arrangement.

As regards the recommendation for the purchase of all articles through the jail authorities, such articles of luxury and comfort as are in common demand being kept in the Prison stores, Government are pleased to accept the recommendation.

Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

To

The I.G. of Prisons in Mysore.

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